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Information from a Host System to a)
Mobile Data Communication Device)

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(A) Evidence of Infringement

Attached to this Disclosure at Tab A is evidence, literature and other relevant material related to an infringing product and method.

Tab A sets forth evidence regarding a suite of products referred to as NOTIFYLINK, including a brief description of various versions of the NOTIFYLINK product, including a desktop version and a networked version, and documentation and detailed information regarding the Notifylink products.

(B) Comparison of Claim to Infringing Method and System

Claim 34 of the present application recites a method of forwarding message attachments, comprising the steps of: (1) receiving an electronic message at a host system, the electronic message including a message body and one or more attachments; (2) forwarding the message body and information regarding the identity and types of the one or more message attachments to a wireless mobile data communications device; (3) transmitting a command from the wireless mobile data communications device to the host system instructing the host system how to process the one or more attachments; and, (4) in response to the command, the host system processing the one or more attachments by either forwarding the one or more attachments to the wireless mobile data communications device or forwarding the one or more attachments to an external device capable of processing the attachments.

(i) NOTIFYLINK - The NOTIFYLINK product is described as follows in the documents attached at Tab A:

"Notifylink is a family of software products that will provide users with wireless access to their email, calendar, contacts, tasks, and files while using a variety of wireless devices."

" Designed to work with both corporate and personal Email systems, Notifylink Desktop enables you to compose, read, reply to, and forward Email messages using your wireless device. Notifylink Desktop allows you to react quickly without the need for a bulky laptop computer to access your Email."

"Messages are sent from your PC with the FROM address as the desktop Email address. This eliminates the confusion of separate PC and mobile Email addresses. Using a single Email address, you can receive Email messages both in your desktop mailbox and on your wireless device."

"An advantage NotifyLink Desktop has over other wireless Email applications is that it provides you with the option to keep a copy of the messages sent to and from your wireless device (the copy is saved on your PC). Handling attachments is also a snap. NotifyLink Desktop will advise you of the name of any attached files when you receive in an Email message. You can forward the message along with the attachment to an associate to handle, instead of waiting until you return to the office to open and read the attachment."

"You have the option of turning your NotifyLink Standard Notification Service ON or OFF from either the PC application or from your two-way messaging device."

"NotifyLink has eliminated the hassles of 'dial-up' by moving mobile email to 'push' architecture. In the traditional 'pull' model, the user periodically connects to the corporate email server to check for new messages. In a 'push' model, the information connects to the user, notifying them immediately of incoming messages. When email arrives at the corporate Inbox, a copy will immediately be 'pushed' (i.e. sent) to the 2way wireless device."

"No need for both office and remote email addresses."

"NotifyLink Desktop allows you to: Originate, receive, reply to and forward email messages; Remotely manage email attachments."

"Attachments; Send No Attachment Info: Prevents any attachment information from being sent to your wireless device; Number of Attachments: Provides the number of files attached to the email that was sent to your wireless device; Attachment Names: Provides the names of the files attached to the email that was sent to your wireless device; Attachment Size: Provides the size in Kilobytes of the files(s) attached to the email that was sent to your wireless device. "

These descriptions, as well as the more detailed description of the operation of the NOTIFYLINK program set forth in the documents at Tab A show that the NOTIFYLINK product infringes at least claim 34 of the present application, and also may infringe many of the other pending claims.

The NOTIFYLINK product provides a method of forwarding message attachments. The Desktop portion (host) of this system receives electronic messages

that may include a body and an attachment. The system is configured by the remote user to forward the message body to the wireless device, and may also be configured to forward attachment information, including the number of attachments, the name of the attachment, etc. The name of the attachment would typically include a file extension, such as ".jpg" or ".doc" that would identify the file type. The remote user can then transmit a command from the wireless device to the host system to instruct it to forward the file attachment to another device (user system) for processing.

(C) Improvement Over Prior Art

The claims of this application related to an improved message redirection system that is capable of processing file attachments to the redirected messages. Prior art systems lacked the ability to intelligently manage file attachments, and typically ignored the attachments. The various claims in this application, including claims 1, 11 and 34-37 relate to processing file attachments in a message redirection system. The specific claim elements that provide this improvement are apparent from a cursory reading of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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